

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

STATE OF NEW MEXICO, *ex rel.*  
State Engineer

Plaintiff,

vs.

ROMAN ARAGON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

69cv07941-BB

RIO CHAMA STREAM SYSTEM

Section 1, Chama Mainstream

Acequia del Rio de Chama

**MOTION FOR ORDER ON PRIORITY DATE OF WATER RIGHTS**  
**UNDER ACEQUIA DEL RIO DE CHAMA**

The Plaintiff State of New Mexico, *ex rel.* State Engineer (“State”), by and through its undersigned counsel, requests the Court to enter an Order revising the priority date of all water rights under the Acequia del Rio de Chama in Section 1 of the Chama Mainstream Section, and in support of this Motion states the following:

1. Pursuant to the *Amended Order on the Adjudication of Water Right Priorities* (Doc. No. 3497, filed July 8, 1994), each defendant water rights owner and each defendant community ditch in Section 1 of the Rio Chama Stream System was required to be served a Notice and Order to Show Cause setting forth the priority dates for such water rights proposed by the court-appointed expert witness Dr. John O. Baxter or the State of New Mexico.

2. All known and unknown claimants of water rights under the Acequia del Rio de Chama were served with a Notice and Order to Show Cause setting forth a priority date of 1724 for their water rights under this acequia. *See Certificate of Service* filed October 20, 1994 (Doc. No. 3526.A);

*New Mexico's Certificate of Publication for Priority Date Notices and Orders to Show Cause* filed November 29, 1995 (Doc. No. 4413). The commissioners of the Acequia del Rio de Chama were served with a Notice and Order to Show Cause setting forth a priority date of 1724 for the water rights under this acequia. *See Certificate of Service* filed December 12, 1994 (Doc. No. 3979.33).

3. No objections were filed to the proposed priority date of 1724 for water rights under the Acequia del Rio de Chama.

4. The Court should enter an Order revising the priority date of the water rights under the Acequia del Rio de Chama, and amending all individual subfiles orders entered to date for irrigation water rights under this acequia. The Order revising the priority date of water rights under the Acequia del Rio de Chama and amending individual subfile orders for water rights under this acequia should be entered as a final order subject to the right of other water rights owners to file objections to individual adjudication orders prior to the entry of a final decree.

5. A proposed form of Order granting this motion is attached hereto.

6. Fred J. Waltz, counsel for the Acequia del Rio de Chama, does not oppose the granting of this motion.

7. A proposed Order granting this Motion is attached hereto as Exhibit 1.

WHEREFORE, the State respectfully requests the Court to enter an Order revising the priority date of water rights under the Acequia del Rio de Chama and making the determination that 1724 is the priority of the water rights served by this acequia.

FURTHER, the State requests the Court to amend the individual subfile orders for water rights under the Acequia del Rio de Chama to state that 1724 is the priority date of those rights.

FURTHER, the State requests that the Court enter the requested Order as a final judgment,

subject to the right of other water rights owners to file objections to individual adjudication orders prior to the entry of a final decree.

Respectfully submitted,

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on the 4th day of April, 2011, I filed the foregoing electronically through the CM/ECF system which caused the parties on the electronic service list, as more fully set forth in the Notice of Electronic Filing, to be served via electronic mail, and served the following non-CM/ECF Participants in the manner indicated:

via first class mail, postage prepaid addressed as shown on the attached Service List.

/s/ Ed Newville  
EDWARD G. NEWVILLE